

NOVEL STRAINS OF THE BACILLUS SUBTILIS GROUP
FOR FOOD FERMENTATION

ABSTRACT

5 The present invention pertains to novel strains of the *Bacillus subtilis* group capable of fermenting beans, which are essentially devoid of any iso-valeric acid production. The present invention especially relates to novel strains of *Bacillus natto*, in which one or more genes involved in the biosynthetic pathway for the production of iso-valeric acids are essentially non-functional.